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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 April 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3-5 and 8-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 8-15 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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DETAILED ACTION***Response to Arguments***

1. The amendment filed on April 21, 2005 has overcome the rejection of claims 1,2,6 and 7 under 35 USC 103. However, when claim 1, indicated allowable, was combined into claim 1, the recited steps are not placed in a proper order as expected by the examiner. In retrospect, a suggestion on how to combine the steps should have been provided to applicant. The claimed invention in accordance with originally filed claims 1 and 3 was understood in light of the specification, specifically Fig.8 and related descriptions. Specifically, after a first string of samples are shifted into a shift register, the clock is disabled to allow the calculation of a plurality of partial correlation results, "a first correlation result" and "a third correlation result." Then the clock is enabled to shift a second string of samples into the shift register and "a second correlation result" and "a fourth correlation result" are calculated. The correlation results are finally summed. It is believed that this was intended by applicant when the application is considered as a whole. -Unless otherwise to be claimed, the rearranging of the steps, as suggested below, would remove any confusion as to the nature and scope of the claimed invention.

Proposed amendment to claim 3.

A method of searching for a synchronization sequence,

comprising:

shifting a first string of samples of a received signal into a shift

register according to a clock signal;

subsequent to the shifting a first string, disabling the clock

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signal;
calculating a first correlation result based on at least a first
substring of the first string of samples;
calculating a second correlation result based on at least a second
substring of the first string of samples;
subsequent to the calculating of the second correlation result, enabling the clock
signal,
subsequent to the enabling the clock signal, shifting a second
string of samples of the received signal into the shift register according to the
clock signal,
calculating a third correlation result based on at least a first
substring of the second string of samples,
calculating a fourth correlation result based on at least a second
substring of the second string of samples;
calculating a first coherent sum based on the first correlation
result and the second correlation result, and
calculating a second coherent sum based on the third correlation result and the fourth correlation result,
wherein a noncoherent sum is based on the first coherent sum
and the second coherent sum.

If agreed, dependent claims 4 and 5 should be carefully reviewed to be consistent with any
changed language of claim 3.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the
subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

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3. Claim 3-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In light of the specification, claim 3 is drawn to a method of searching for a sync sequence wherein, after a first string of samples are shifted into a shift register, the clock is disabled to allow the calculation of a plurality of partial correlation results, "a first correlation result" and "a third correlation result." Then the clock is enabled to shift a second string of samples into the shift register and "a second correlation result" and "a fourth correlation result" are calculated. The correlation results are finally summed. But the order of the recited steps fail to reflect this feature understood as the present invention.

For example, the step "subsequent to the disabling the clock signal, enabling the clock signal" is apparently erroneous since the clock signal can't be enabled "subsequent to," i.e., right after the disabling operation and reenabling should be performed after correlation results in connection with the first string have been computed.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 8-15 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Y. Kim whose telephone number is 571-272-3039. The examiner can normally be reached on 8AM --5PM M-F.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kenneth Venderpuye can be reached on 571-272-3078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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